

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as shown. Claims remaining in the application are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): An airflow distribution control system for usage in a raised-floor data center comprising:
an under-floor partition with ~~a~~ an adaptively controllable flow resistance, the partition being ~~capable of~~ adapted for selective positioning in a plenum beneath the raised-floor; and
a sensor communicatively coupled to the partition that detects a parameter indicative of airflow distribution in the data center and adaptively controls the flow resistance beneath the raised floor based on the parameter to balance air flow distribution to match thermal loads imposed by data center equipment.
2. (Original): The system according to Claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of adjustable apertures in the under-floor partition; and
a servomotor coupled to the apertures and the sensor, the servomotor responsive to communication from the sensor to control flow resistance of the partition.
3. (Original): The system according to Claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of louvered shutters in the under-floor partition; and
a servomotor coupled to the louvered shutters and the sensor, the servomotor responsive to communication from the sensor to control flow resistance of the partition.
4. (Original): The system according to Claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of under-floor partitions with controllable flow resistances, the partitions being selectively positioned in the plenum and independently controllable by the sensor.
5. (Currently Amended): The system according to Claim 1 further comprising:
a plurality of under-floor partitions with controllable flow resistances, the partitions being selectively positioned in the plenum; and

a network of distributed sensors communicatively coupled to the plurality of under-floor partitions; and
~~the sensor network capable of controlling a controller coupled to the distributed sensor network and the controllable flow resistances, the controller adapted to determine a spatial distribution of at least one parameter sensed by the sensor network and control flow resistances in the plurality of partitions mutually independently.~~

6. (Original): The system according to Claim 5 wherein:
the plurality of under-floor partitions has adjustable apertures of varying sizes and densities.

7. (Original): The system according to Claim 1 wherein:
the sensor is selected from among a group consisting of airflow sensors, pressure sensors, and temperature sensors.

8. (Currently Amended): An airflow control apparatus for usage in a raised-floor data center comprising:

a partition configured for under-floor installation;
a plurality of adjustable apertures in the partition adapted for dynamic control of airflow resistance under the raised-floor; and
a servomotor coupled to the apertures and ~~capable of controlling~~ adapted to dynamically control flow resistance of the partition to adjust air flow distribution under the raised-floor.

9. (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to Claim 8 further comprising:
a plurality of louvered shutters in the partition; and
a controller coupled to the louvered shutter plurality and adapted to control the louvered shutters to adjust air flow distribution under the raised-floor.

10. (Original): The apparatus according to Claim 8 further comprising:
a plurality of adjustable apertures of varying sizes and densities in the partition.

11. (Currently Amended): A ventilation system for a data center comprising: a raised floor overlying a plenum space and further comprising a plurality of tiles; at least one under-floor partition with a controllable flow resistance, the partitions being selectively positioned in the plenum beneath the raised-floor; and at least one sensor communicatively coupled to the at least one partition, the at least one sensor that detect a parameter indicative of airflow distribution in the data center and dynamically control the flow resistance beneath the raised-floor based on the parameter to balance air flow distribution to match thermal loads imposed by data center equipment.

12. (Original): The system according to Claim 11 wherein: the plurality of raised-floor tiles include solid tiles and perforated tiles selectively arranged to manage airflow.

13. (Original): The system according to Claim 11 further comprising: at least one air conditioning unit arranged to inject cooling air into the plenum; and a plurality of under-floor partitions arranged in a series so that partitions with higher flow resistance are positioned generally more proximal to the air conditioning unit and partitions with lower flow resistance are positioned generally more distal to the air conditioning unit.

14. (Currently Amended): The system according to Claim 11 further comprising: a plurality of under-floor partitions arranged in a selected pattern wherein ones of the partitions have flow resistance that is dynamically controllable independently of other partitions.

15. (Currently Amended): The system according to Claim 11 further comprising: a plurality of adjustable apertures in ones of the at least one under-floor partition; and a servomotor coupled to the apertures and the sensor, the servomotor being responsive to communication from the sensor to dynamically control flow resistance beneath the raised floor.

16. (Currently Amended): The system according to Claim 11 further comprising:
a plurality of louvered shutters in ones of the at least one under-floor partition; and
a servomotor coupled to the louvered shutters and the sensor, the servomotor
responsive to communication from the sensor to control flow resistance
beneath the raised floor.

17. (Currently Amended): The system according to Claim 11 further comprising:
a plurality of under-floor partitions with controllable flow resistances, the partitions
being selectively positioned in the plenum; and
a network of distributed sensors communicatively coupled to the plurality of under-
floor partitions, the sensor network capable of dynamically controlling the
plurality of partitions mutually independently.

18. (Original): The system according to Claim 11 wherein:
at least one under-floor partitions has adjustable apertures of varying sizes and
densities.

19. (Original): The system according to Claim 11 wherein:
the sensor is selected from among a group consisting of airflow sensors, pressure
sensors, and temperature sensors.

20. – 27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended): An airflow control apparatus for usage in a raised-floor
data center comprising:

means for sensing a parameter indicative of airflow distribution in the data center;
and

means for dynamically adjusting flow resistance distribution in a plenum under the
raised floor based on the sensed parameter to balance air flow distribution to
match thermal loads imposed by data center equipment.

29. (New): A cooling system for usage in a raised-floor data center comprising:
at least one Computer-Room Air Conditioning (CRAC) unit configured to supply
cooling fluid to equipment in the data center;

a under-floor plenum in fluid communication with the at least one CRAC unit;
at least one under-floor partition configured for selective positioning under the data center raised-floor, the partition further comprising a controllable flow resistance distributed over the at least one under-floor partition;
a plurality of sensors distributed in the data center and adapted to detect airflow distribution in the data center; and
a controller coupled to the distributed controllable flow resistance and the sensor plurality, the controller adapted to balance air flow distribution to match thermal loads imposed by the data center equipment.

30. (New): The cooling system according to Claim 29 further comprising:
the controllable flow resistance, the sensor plurality, and the controller configured to dynamically detect and respond to variations in thermal conditions resulting from presence of personnel in the data center, and addition, removal, and failure of data center equipment units.

31. (New): The cooling system according to Claim 29 further comprising:
the controller adapted to dynamically increase airflow to a region of the data center with a detected high thermal load and to dynamically decrease airflow to a region of the data center with a detected low thermal load.

32. (New): The cooling system according to Claim 29 further comprising:
the controllable flow resistance and the controller adapted to control the controllable flow resistance dynamically and independently for particular partitions and for particular segments of partitions.

33. (New): The cooling system according to Claim 29 further comprising:
the sensor plurality selectively distributed spatially in the data center and the controller adapted to account for the sensor plurality spatial distribution to determine an airflow spatial distribution.

34. (New): The cooling system according to Claim 29 further comprising:
the controllable flow resistance, the sensor plurality, and the controller configured to
dynamically detect and respond to variations in thermal conditions resulting
from intrusions into the under-floor plenum.

35. (New): The cooling system according to Claim 29 further comprising:
the sensor plurality are selectively distributed including zero or more airflow sensors,
zero or more pressure sensors, and zero or more temperature sensors.